

FISCAL NOTE

SB 822 - HB 1754

April 2, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the present cap on attorney's fees in claims under the Criminal Injury Compensation Act from \$375 to \$500 for claims involving the death of a victim and from \$500 to \$650 for other claims. Increases the cap for attorney fees for which an attorney can petition the court in complex cases from \$750 to \$1,000. These new limits would apply to all claims filed on or after July 1, 2001.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Less than \$100,000/Criminal Injury Compensation Fund

Assumes an increase in maximum attorney fees will result in an increase in payments from the Criminal Injury Compensation Fund. For claims paid in FY 2000, approximately 160 were paid in which attorney fees equaled the statutory maximum. Attorney fees paid in these cases totaled approximately \$70,000. It is estimated that the proposed 30% increase in attorney fee maximums will result in an increase in criminal injury payments of less than \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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